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"His decisions seem good enough until he explains them," was a shrewd remark made of a judge; and a Shanghai contemporary's reference to the state of affairs with regard to foreign interference with the Cantonese attitude towards piracy on the West River remind us of the saying. The argument of our contemporary appears to us vastly sounder than one of the illustrations with which it is buttressed. The Mercury comments:

We must confess to a good deal of sympathy with the Cantonese. We should have to have foreign gunboats patrolling the Thames. How the Americans would be pleased if there were a dozen German vessels keeping watch and ward up the Mississippi we can easily guess. And, perhaps, our Canton friends may ask why it is that there are none? Why are there no British ships watching over British interests in French ports? We have pointed out the answer before. French ports are safe. Did danger threaten there would within twelve hours be French ships of war at hand to protect trade and punish the wrong-doer.

It is not so in the delta of the Canton and West Rivers. There, hardly a day passes without its piratical raid. So long has this been so, that the Chinese of the Kwangtung province have come to look upon piracy as upon one of those things described in bills of lading as "perils of sea," events which like hurricanes, storms, typhoons, and earthquakes must be expected and insured against. A system of black-mail has thus grown up and has come to be considered in the same light as we look upon fire insurance.

With the Englishman, of course, accustomed for generations to absolute immunity from such raids, there is no such complacency. He resents the intrusion of the sea robber or the creek thief. Down with him! The country which tolerates him is either too weak or too uncivilized to be counted amongst the nations of the earth. Hence the arrangement came to with the Peking Government. We have the power of the spot which China has not. And the Canton gentry have been told in two words what the arrangement is. It is a matter of "Mutual Assistance." When China has become more acquainted with the manners and customs pertaining to International life she will see that this mutual aid is a very common thing when circumstances call for it. Some time ago there was a very severe earthquake in the West India Islands. It happened that we had no warship close at hand. The Americans had, and the Captain immediately offered his assistance. But it happened that we had an official there a man who might have been a Canton gentleman of the present day. He very bravely told the American officer that his help was not wanted. America shrugged her shoulders, but England was furious, and very few days sufficed to teach that official how kindly officers ought to be received.

O miseris hominum mentes, o pectora ceca! To liken the ex-Governor of Jamaica, the sturdy, thoroughly John-Bullish SWETENHAM, to a Canton gentleman of the present day, and that after the ample evidence that has since been given to show how he was misjudged, how far too hastily condemned! The comparison is odorous, malodorous. The cases could not be more dissimilar. The American Admiral who "buted in" when the English Governor was busy only thought that the latter might not be able to cope with the situation. His mistake was due to his own obtuseness, in not seeing the hint that he was committing a grave breach of national etiquette, and in persisting in forcing his assistance after it had been politely declined. It was the gross lack of tact of a man who doesn't know enough to give steadily at the opposite end of the ballroom while his partner repairs damages—the crass stupidity of the intruder at an informal levée who will not understand that a brandished toothbrush is an invitation to leave the room. Sir ALEXANDER SWETENHAM was quite able to do all that was necessary. The British must be fond of humble-pie who can so readily assume that he was not. The case of the Canton officials, however, is quite different. They cannot do all that is necessary to make the West River safe for commerce. They have admitted it; pleaded their inability, in fact, when a plan seemed necessary; and even now, after twelve months of the most tactful diplomacy of which Sir JOHN JORDAN is capable, we are offering our co-operation in the most deprecating manner possible. The Chinese Customs officers now charged with the suppression of piracy have, with the approval of the Central Government, arranged for "mutual assistance" with any foreign gunboats that may be available. There is grave reason to believe that the Cantonese objections to interference with piracy in the Delta are not unconcerned with "evidence," with fear of loss of tribute from an old-standing institution, and while we gladly confess to much sympathy with Sir ALEXANDER SWETENHAM, concerned only for the dignity of the Power he represented, we are not prepared to waste any on people lying under such a serious suspicion. If we wrong the Cantonese agitators, they are not free from blame for our error. Had their objection to the presence of foreign gunboats been purely patriotic, they should have done away with the necessity for that presence. They were allowed lots of time to show what they could do, and they have done nothing—except to grumble when the Central Government determined to attend to what, after all, should be its own Imperial and not provincial, business. If we must institute comparisons between China and other Powers, which is far from wise, for reasons often stated, we may ask whether London or Carlisle would have the final say in dealing with pirates in the Solway Firth? It is, of course, impossible to imagine London accepting the offer of French or German gunboats to lend a hand round the Isle of Man, but supposing that done, as in this case of the Canton Delta, any protests from Carlisle, Kirkcubright, or Douglas would probably be treated as impertinent, as those of Canton have been. But in such circumstances, mutual aid is not the common, regular thing "amongst all civilized lands" as the Mercury says it is. It would be the very last resort of any of the Powers, who would, moreover, be as chary to offer as to accept it. If Germany had offered to send troops to the South of France during the wine riots; if France had offered a regiment to the Mayor of Belfast; if Japan had despatched a warship or two to the Vladivostok mutiny—would France, Britain, Russia, respectively, have sung the Mercury litaney, that "by mutual aid things are possible which cannot otherwise be undertaken at all"? We all know quite well how such offers would have been regarded; and it was not the American Admiral's kind offer of food that Sir ALEXANDER SWETENHAM refused, but his armed force landed, without being invited, "to help to restore and maintain order." Peking

however, is not in the same position, yet. Canton didn't restore order. Peking couldn't—without some such arrangement as the one now made. China is in a quite unique position among the Powers, and every case of this or any kind arising in the Empire must be considered and dealt with on its merits, with due regard to what is expedient and necessary.

Pollard's Lilliputian Opera Company is due to arrive in Hongkong on the 20th inst., and to open a short season on the following day. Theirs is the most popular of all touring entertainments.

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The large crowds which have thronged the streets of the city during the last few days, have given pickpockets an opportunity to practice their profession; which they have not been slow to take advantage of. But all have not been escaping the vigilant police, and four appeared at the Police Court yesterday, were found guilty, and each man was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and six months' stocks. Three other natives accused were remanded as the complainants failed to appear—probably they were attracted to the procession.

With reference to the rumor that the Japan Exposition of 1912 will be postponed until 1917, Viscount Kaneko, President of the proposed Exposition, has declared that the report is totally untrue. As proof of this assertion, the Viscount pointed out that the Japanese Government is already in receipt of notice of approval from England, France, and other European countries. Moreover, a Reuters message of the 18th November announced that the United States has also consented to exhibit her products at the Exposition. Under the circumstances, it is absolutely impossible to postpone the opening of the Exposition as rumored.

The Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., lectured last evening under the auspices of the Union Church Literary and Debating Club on "Jewish Wit and Humour." Though an Irishman himself he did not admit that the Irish had a monopoly of wit and humour. He disagreed with Sidney Smith's oft-quoted assertion with regard to the want of humour in the Scotch; and for the rest Mr. May's paper was an interesting refutation of the dictum of Carlyle, as related by Friends, that the Jews have shown no trace of humour in their history. Mr. May said, had read with any sense of humour himself he would have traced even in the Jewish Bible a good deal of evidence of humour. Mr. May quoted examples, and then proceeded to draw from many other sources rich examples of Jewish mother-wit which were greatly enjoyed.

The Queens Hall Estate, Leicestershire, well known to followers of the Quora, has been purchased by Mrs. Edward Graves. The old Hall is a wonderful example of early seventeenth century work, having been built soon after the death of Queen Elizabeth. Unlike many early English houses, the sites of which were chosen on low ground, Queens Hall stands 500 feet above sea level on a flat plateau in a natural park of some 200 acres. Its striking facade in stone dressed red brick flanked by towers is familiar to the architect and antiquary, and the interior is rich in contemporary carved oak work. The estate, which comprises over two thousand acres, is mentioned in records of the thirteenth century and was in the possession of the Ashby's for 800 years. In renovating the interior of the Hall Mrs. Graves has had the benefit of the advice of Mr. Gough and the late Mr. Bodley, R.A., and Queens Hall is now one of the most beautiful and interesting houses in England.

MACAO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

December 2nd.

THE LATEST MONOPOLY FIASCO.

This morning the office of the Protector of China was besieged by women from the brothels, and it was subsequently learnt that there had been a breach of the monopoly contract and a sum of \$4,500, deposited as guarantee, has been forfeited to the Government. Some curiosity has been excited by the fact that this monopoly was not let by public tender, but an offer being made it was promptly accepted, and certain incidents in connection with the negotiation of the business are much discussed. Among the questions asked are these: (1) Was the monopoly's legal Advisor a Government Official? (2) Why were meetings in connection with the matter held at the house of an official interpreter rather than at the office of the Protector of China?

PIRICAL ATTACK.

A raid on pirates was made this afternoon, and some of the garrison who were engaged in it are reported to have been severely wounded.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.N.Co.'s str. *Tanaka* left Manila on 4th inst. at noon, and is due here to-morrow.

The I.G.M. str. *Boon* which left here on the 6th ult. has arrived at Genoa yesterday at 6 a.m.

The C.N.Co.'s str. *Koehing* left Hilo on 4th inst., and is due here on the 9th inst.

The C.N.Co.'s str. *Ningpo* left Tientsin for Swatow and Hongkong on 3rd inst., and is due here on the 11th inst.

The O. & O. str. *Mongolia* sail from Yokohama on 5th inst., and will probably arrive at this port on the 13th inst.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

GERMAN POLITICS.

LONDON, December 5th.

A political crisis promises at Berlin, owing to an absence of unity among the various members of the Government "bloc." Chancellor von Buelow has threatened to resign unless the party shows more cohesion.

THE MONTE CARLO MURDER.

LONDON, December 5th.

In connection with the murder of Mme. Levin at Monte Carlo three months ago (the "Paris trunk mystery") Gould has been sentenced to imprisonment for life, and his wife to death.

SWEDEN.

LONDON, December 5th.

Owing to the illness of the King of Sweden the Crown Prince has been appointed regent.

THE CHIENTAO AFFAIR.

Tokyo, December 5th.

Prince Pulin, the Chinese envoy, has arrived at Tokyo.

THE KOREAN CROWN PRINCE.

Tokyo, December 5th.

The Korean Crown Prince has left Seoul to be educated in Japan. He was accompanied by Prince Ito.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, December 3rd.

Congressman Hayes of California has shown President Roosevelt his Bill for restricting Oriental immigration. President Roosevelt does not approve of the Bill but Mr. Hayes intends to push it on the ground that it is in accordance with the sentiments of Californians. Congress has met. The proceedings were formal. Mr. Cortelyou's estimates for 1908/1909, are \$776,000,000, \$77,500,000 above the 1907/1908 estimates.

THE RECENT MUTINY AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

LONDON, December 3rd.

Twenty of the Vladivostok mutineers, who were sentenced to death on the 31st October, have been shot, and 177 others have received lesser penalties.

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, December 3rd.

The Japanese Minister in Washington has conferred with President Roosevelt and Mr. Root concerning Japanese immigration and it is believed that the Minister is satisfied with the administration, and that it is not necessary for Congress to legislate for Japanese exclusion. A later telegram from Washington however states that the Japanese Minister has been recalled to personally report to the Mikado the situation in America relative to immigration.

THE MONEY MARKET.

LONDON, December 3rd.

Money is considerably easier, a large parcel of gold has arrived from Germany, and substantial arrivals are expected from India, Australia and Singapore. There are general hopes of an early reduction of the bank rate.

AN UNSECTARIAN NAVY.

The U.S. Navy Department has been having protracted disputes with the Christian Scientists, who originally suggested that their textbook, known as "Science and Health," should be purchased by the Government for distribution to all ships of war and as an addition to the ships' libraries. The Navy Department adheres to the policy of not purchasing sectarian literature, and this rule cannot be departed from on behalf of any denomination. A retired naval officer, formerly in command of one of the battleships, who attributes his relief from disability to Christian Science, urged the admission of the books to the ships' libraries, and when it was decided not to buy as he asked if it would not be possible to present to the Navy Department enough of the textbooks to furnish one for every vessel in commission. This offer had to be declined also. Finally it was arranged that the retired naval officer, setting for the Christian Scientists, might write to every commanding officer asking if he would accept the book for his ship's library. This puts the question up to the commanding officer of the vessel, where it is considered as belonging.

"The Eternal Feminine" by Ada Cambridge (London: Geo. Bell and Sons) is an Australian story—the love affair of a P. & O. officer, and of the various members of the estimable colonial family into which he ultimately marries. The best drawn character is perhaps that of the maiden aunt with her prurient imaginations, a modern Mrs. Gummidge. It is a well-told, healthy, and mildly interesting story.

CHINESE CARNIVAL.

A BRILLIANT SPECTACLE.

Yesterday was the opening day of the Chinese festival, promoted by a number of leading Chinese citizens with the object of relieving financial depression which at present prevails in the Colony. The festival has been largely advertised in China and Macao, and for the past week the river steamers have been bringing crowds of pilgrims to Hongkong. It is years since such a procession took place in Hongkong, and since the last the streets have probably never been so crowded as they were yesterday. At an early hour in the morning both processionists and spectators were astir, all making their way slowly to the starting point at Wan-chai. The journey to that part was a slow one, it being impossible to hasten through the dense crowd. At No. 2 Police Station, at an early hour, the promoters were busily engaged in marshalling the procession, and were hard at work while those in the central district, who witnessed units of the procession going eastward at noon, were speculating as to the hour when it would be possible for the procession to start. It was despatched to time, however, and was of such a length that while the head of it had arrived at Garden Road the tail end was passing the same place for the starting point. The scene was one to be long remembered by European spectators who have not before participated in a Chinese holiday. All the ingenious work of the Eastern artisan was to be seen in the sacred dragon and other monsters popular to Chinese mythology, but to describe these would require a knowledge of legendary lore which has been acquired by few Europeans. All along the route quiet Chinese music was to be heard coupled with the banging of deep sounding gongs and the clashing of many symbols. Those taking part were mostly clad in costly silks, the mandarin, the warrior and the litterateur being represented; while handsome banners bearing (to foreigners) strange devices were borne on high before the different guilds represented. The procession, as is always the case in China, was headed by the two bearers who carry large lanterns, the emblem of good luck. Then many grotesquely got up monsters and "glittering models symbolic of Je ne sais quoi" were borne past the eyesore before the Kingfisher dragon came into view. This was borne by 165 men and had an approximate length of 330 feet. Following this was a handsomely constructed Paoan which was carried by ten Chinese girls.

The feature of the procession was the immense silver eyes dragon provided by the fish guild. This was nearly four hundred feet long and was borne on high by 160 men, who proceeded along the route in realistic serpentine course. Men proceeded on either side shaking the silken sides of the monster and shouting vociferously, the crowd cheering as the animal writhed and wriggled on its way. Another scene is presented later which displays eight Chinese beauties choosing a chancellor for the King from forty eminent statesmen. Then follow eight geni with the inevitable fan and armed with spears and battleaxes. The fruit and vegetable guild's display was headed with the model of a lion which was borne by twenty girls playing selections of music as they wended their way along. Another representation displayed an account of the Emperor Chin Yeung-kwong who, according to history, was dragged along the shore in a boat by a number of Chinese women.

The procession was carried out on a scale of grandeur seldom seen in Hongkong, the expenses connected therewith, which must have been exceedingly heavy, being borne principally by the different guilds in the Colony. Each guild had its band, which followed directly on the banner bearers, and as all were playing different music, the air along the route was filled with strange sounds, the quaint selections of the different bands giving the finishing touch to the Oriental character of the procession. It cost the fish guild \$8,000 for their display of models and monsters. The fruit and vegetable guild went to an expense of \$7000, \$5000 was the cost, to the beef guild; \$15,000 to the fish guild; and \$30,000 to the pork guild. Much of the paraphernalia used in the pageant was imported from Canton, as were many of the persons taking part. One hundred Chinese ponies were brought from the Chinese city by junk, the river steamers not being anxious for this kind of freight.

During the forenoon the sky had been overcast, and the threatening rain came about two o'clock, breaking up the procession, to the sorrow of many of the Chinese, who state that the disbanding of such a procession is an augury of bad luck.

THE EVENING'S FETE.

Notwithstanding that a drizzling rain continued to fall there was another procession after dark, which for picturesque seemed decidedly likely to eclipse the daylight performance. The most striking feature of it was a school of fish, most beautifully modelled and painted, each animal lighted from the interior. The artistry of these things was excellent, many well-known species of fish being easily identifiable. There were also other illuminated figures borne in the procession, which was viewed by considerable crowds, especially where verandas offered shelter to sightseers.

Principal of the promoters were Messrs. Ho Kom-long, Chan Suk-ki, Lau Chai-put, Fung Wai-chun and Wong Kam-fuk, and they deserve the thanks of their countrymen for the excellent manner in which they arranged matters in connection with the procession which will long be remembered by the residents of Hongkong and others who witnessed it.

TO-DAY'S ROUTE.

To-day the procession will proceed about 11 a.m. from No. 2 Police Station Wan-chai Road to Queen's Road East straight on to the Clock Tower (stopping all gongs and drums when passing the Supreme Court) straight on to Queen's Road Central on to the Ko Shing Theatre (stopping all gongs and

drums when passing near the Government Civil Hospital until Central Street), is reached going up First Street, from Central Street down to No. 7 Police Station straight on to Queen's Road West, turn out to Des Vaux Road to Queen Street to Queen's Road down Bonham Strand West to Des Vaux Road, turn in Wing Lok Street to Bonham Strand East to No. 5 Police Station (Fire Brigade), turn in Jervois Street to Morrison Street up Queen's Road Central to No. 5 Police Station (Fire Brigade), up Wellington Street, up Aberdeen Street passing Gage Street down Graham Street, up Cochran Street to Lyndhurst Terrace to Wellington Street East, down D'Aguiar Street to the Clock Tower to diamies.

AN INTERRUPTED LETTER.

Dearest Luke,—The procession wasn't really a procession. Perhaps it was too big. It resolved itself into numerous bits of procession, that stood about surrounded by smelly crowds— you remember the sort of crowd, like when we went bargaining at China New Year time?—and we had to run about to see all there was to see. I'm sure I didn't see half of it, but what I'd have done if Mr. — had not appointed himself my cavalier I don't know. Perhaps gone back to the hotel and cried. His elbows were so useful in clearing a passage for me, and he seems to know a *tremenous* lot about the Chinese and their symbols. I saw and heard them, but I did not understand what he meant by saying that some of the groups were a maelstrom of something or other. No doubt his conversation was very improving, but I only wanted to see. I don't want my mind improved, especially if it means more wrinkles. I love to hear you sing in your nosey, wobbly way the old song about my "endearing young charms" fading away, but of course I know better. I shan't grieve over my unimproved mind if only my front teeth stand the test of time, and I can smile and look amiable when gentlemen like Mr. —, tell me things. That's what I did to-day, whenever he told me anything about the characters in the procession. I was rather disappointed, dear, with them. The little girls with their white painted faces looked horrid—all their worst features were abominably shown up; and as for the dragons, well— I must say that St. George has dropped in my esteem. Owing to the tails being anxious to move on while the heads had decided to stop, their scales got ruffled, and, like our comrade's, needed a lot of adjusting. My joke, Luke, your cackle, as the boys at home used to say. It was a cold day, so the coolies carried the lovely feather fans given them in their bills, where they got crushed, such a pity. They (the coolies) had very fine clothes. I wonder if they will be allowed to keep them, or have to go back into their horrid rags next week. I suppose there must have been many thousands of strange Chinese in town, but I could not see them. The crowd looked very like the usual Hongkong crowd. You remember how Mark Twain in Paris wanted so badly to see a live grizzly. "I was that way, and kept pulling Mr. —'s arm and saying: 'Look! Is that a Chinaman from the country? But he nearly always said no; that he kept a store in Queen's Road West; or was comrade for some long or other. I'm afraid I have not given you a very good description of the procession, dear, but never mind—I will send you the Weekly Press. Ever, &c. DINAH M.

WEDDING.

LAMBERT-HERON.

The wedding was celebrated at the Cathedral yesterday of Florence Alberta Osborne Lambert, daughter of John Lambert R.N.R., Lloyds surveyor at Hongkong, and Arthur William Heron. The Cathedral was decorated for the occasion. The Rev. F. T. Johnson was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who wore a dress of white brocade with court train, and trimmed with fine tulle lace: French "applications de soie" and orange blossoms, had as bridesmaids the Misses Quennie, Minnie and Elsie Lambert, her sisters, while the groom was supported by Mr. J. B. Lambert as best man. The bride also wore a gold pendant set with pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. At the largely attended reception at her father's house at Kowloon, the Rev. J. H. France proposed the toast of the newly married pair. Mr. and Mrs. Heron left for Macao on their honeymoon, the *Sui Tai* being dratted for the occasion.

INSTALLMENTS OF COMPANY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

An important action concerning the status of the chairman of the organising committee of a corporation has been heard in the Tokyo District Court. The case in point, according to the *Yokohama Herald*, is briefly as follows:—Mr. Satake, Chairman of the organising committee of the Toyo Soken Kaisha (the Oriental Salt Manufacturing Co.) and the 133th Bank, claiming the disbursement of ¥5,000, securities and instalments of subscriptions for the company's shares, which was deposited with the defendant bank by Mr. Oguri, formerly chairman of the committee. In the Tokyo Court the defendant set up the plea that the deposits had been set off against an obligation existing against Mr. Oguri, and that the title "Chairman of the organising committee of the Oriental Salt Manufacturing Co." prefixed to the name of Mr. Oguri did not designate any legal status on the part of the person to whom it was given.

Mr. Nishiwaki, of the First Bank, who was examined as an expert witness as to the commercial usage in vogue, testified that in the event of a change in the chairman of committee taking place the act was usually notified to the bank to have the name of the new chairman deposited to the account of the new chairman, and the money was withdrawn after due notice given jointly by the old and new chairman as to the alteration in the signatures and seals. In case of security deposited the bank would reserve the deposit until it had been transferred to the new corporation after it had been duly formed. The proceedings were adjourned.

The case is attracting much attention in business circles.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1907. 1934

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, On TUESDAY, the 10th December, 1907, at 11 A.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, A QUANTITY OF ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER (Part Bankrupt Stock of London Jewellers),

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HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, 6th December, 1907. 1935

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DOLLS, MECHANICAL TOYS, DRUMS, SWORDS, WHIPS, TOPS, &c., &c.

TERMS—As Customary.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1907. 1936

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TREMONT," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND MANILA.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1907. 7

NORDDEUTSCHER LOYD, BREMEN.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"YORK," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY, the 5th inst., at Noon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th inst., will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th inst., at 9.30 A.M. All Claims must reach us before the 15th inst., or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LOYD, MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1907. 5

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"MONTGOMERYSHIRE," Captain Hall, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th inst., will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 11th inst., at 8 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1907. 1938

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

MESSEURS JAMES WATSON and COMPANY, LIMITED, Dundee, beg to announce that they have appointed Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. their AGENTS for South China.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. 1921

AVIS.

NOUS avons l'honneur de vous informer que M. CESAR FRITZSCHE, quittant notre maison en date de ce jour, la procuration que nous lui avions confiée par notre circulaire du 8 Avril, 1907, cesse de fait.

Canton, 1er Décembre 1907. 1922

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG MILLING CO., LTD. have REMOVED their Offices to KINO'S BUILDINGS, 4th Floor.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1907. 1914

NOTICE.

WE beg to Notify that we have bought the Drapery and Provision businesses hitherto carried on at No. 59 and 61, Holywood Road respectively by Mr. DALBASA and shall continue same at the same addresses under the name of ARBOULA & SONS, the old Chinese names 三記 and 三興 being retained.

No past undertakings entered into by Mr. DALBASA will be recognised by us unless same be approved and signed by us on or before 15th inst.

O. L. ARBOULA,
A. K. L. ARBOULA,
Hongkong, 2nd December 1907. 1916

INTIMATIONS

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with the Government Notification No. 739, THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business TO-DAY (FRIDAY), the 6th inst.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1907. 1929

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Government Notification No. 739, FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business TO-DAY (FRIDAY), the 6th inst.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
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Hongkong, 5th December, 1907. 1930

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ASILE DE LA SAINTE ENFANCE,
Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. 1925

TROOPS GOING HOME.

THE CHAPLAIN to the Forces would be glad to receive Magazines, Illustrated Papers or Books for the use of the Troops going Home on the "SICILIA." A postcard addressed to him at Headquarters Office will ensure parcels being fetched or they may be sent to Chaplain's Room, Fletcher Street, any morning.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1907. 1778

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Hongkong, 19th October, 1907. 1685

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Merchants, have on the 21st day of October, 1907, applied for the registration, in Hongkong, in the Register of TRADE MARKS, of the following Trade Marks, namely:—

1. A distinctive device of a Tripod with Chinese characters in the middle thereof meaning "Golden Tripod" and Chinese characters below meaning Mitsui Foreign Firm.
2. A distinctive device of a Japanese Child playing on a guitar, to the left is the Moon half surrounded by Clouds, and below it is a Rabbit, further below are Chinese characters meaning Mitsui Foreign Firm, and above the Child are Chinese characters meaning "Looking at the Moon."

In the name of the said MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA who claim to be the Sole Proprietors thereof, The Trade Marks are intended to be used by the Applicants in respect of the following Goods, in the following class, viz:—

CRISP 47 IN SHAWER OF MATCHES. Facsimiles of the Trade Marks can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong.

Dated the 7th day of November, 1907.
HASTINGS & HASTINGS,
Solicitors for Applicants.
33, Queen's Road Central,
1788

INTIMATIONS

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the Military Authorities that a Camp will be formed in the Valley running North from the North-Eastern end of Junk Bay to the Southern Slope of Basor Hill from 9th December next until 25th January, 1908, and that Gun Practice will be carried out over the area enclosed by the points—Black Hill, Chia Lan Chu, Kowloon Peak, Tado Cairn, Buffalo Hill, Pak Wai (village on Hebe Haven), Hebe Knoll, Basor Hill—from 18th December, 1907, to 25th January, 1908.

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1907. 1839

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the Military Authorities that MUSKETRY FIELD FIRING will be carried out as under:—

On MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 2nd and 3rd December:—
From Customs Hill, in a Westerly direction, towards Kauling Peak.

On WEDNESDAY, the 4th December:—
From Hebe Hill, in a Westerly direction, towards Kauling Peak.

On THURSDAY, the 5th December:—
From South-West end of the Pass, in a North-Westerly Direction, towards Chin Lan Chu, practice between 9 A.M. and 1 P.M.

On TUESDAY, the 10th, and FRIDAYS, the 13th and 20th December:—
On the Southern Slopes of Basor Hill, in a North-Westerly direction, practice between 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1907. 1898

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AACHEN and MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-CHAPPELLE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.
Agents.
H'gkong, 21st April, 1907. 114

THE GLOBUS INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, 13th August 1906. 29

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Hongkong, 27th April, 1907. 1146

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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